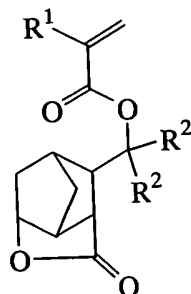


CLAIMS:

1. A (meth)acrylate compound having the general formula (1):



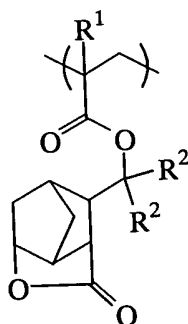
(1)

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wherein R^1 is hydrogen or methyl, and R^2 is a straight, branched or cyclic monovalent hydrocarbon group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms, or two R^2 may bond together to form a ring with the carbon atom to which they are bonded.

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2. A polymer comprising recurring units of the general formula (1a) and having a weight average molecular weight of 2,000 to 100,000,



(1a)

- 15 wherein R^1 is hydrogen or methyl, and R^2 is a straight, branched or cyclic monovalent hydrocarbon group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms, or two R^2 may bond together to form a ring with the carbon atom to which they are bonded.